



## MEMORANDUM

TO : The Command Group  
Directors of Directorates  
Chiefs of Offices, NHQ  
All Regional Directors of the Jail Bureau

ATTN : BJMPRO and Jail COVID-19 Task Forces  
Chiefs, Regional Health Service Division  
Medical Officers

SUBJECT : **BJMP COVID-19 ADVISORY #11: ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF QUARANTINE TO PERSONNEL AND PDL**

DATE : **MAR 30 2020**

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### 1. References:

- a. Proclamation No. 922 dated March 8, 2020 re: *Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines*;
- b. Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated March 16, 2020 re: *Community Quarantine Over the Entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation*;
- c. BJMP COVID-19 Advisory #4 dated March 14, 2020 re: *Personnel Advised for Volunteer "Self-Quarantine"*.
- d. Supreme Court Administrative Circular No. 31-2020 dated March 16, 2020 re: *Rising Cases of COVID-19 Infection*;
- e. *BJMP Decision-Tool for COVID-19 Suspects/Cases and DOH Algorithm for Triage of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Infection* dated March 16, 2020; and
- f. Philippine Society for Microbiology and Infectious Diseases "*Interim Guidelines on the Clinical Management of Adult Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Infection*" (Version 2.0 as of 26 March 2020);

2. The Directorate for Health Service (DHS) adheres to and strictly follows the criteria/algorithm of the DOH in "assigning" an individual (personnel/PDL) as Person Under Monitoring (PUM) or Person Under Investigation (PUI). The priority presentation/indicators are as follows:

- a. **Suspected case** – is a person who is presenting any of the conditions below:
  - 1) All Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases where no other etiology fully explains the clinical presentation.
  - 2) Influenza-like illness with any one of the following:
    - a) With no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation and a history of travel to or residence in an

area that reported local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days quarantine/incubation period prior to symptom onset with appropriate exposure; and

b) Had contact<sup>1</sup> with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days quarantine/incubation period prior to the onset of symptoms.

b. **Probable case** – is a person who fulfils any of the following listed below:

- 1) Probable case whom testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive;
- 2) Probable case who underwent testing for COVID-19 but not conducted in a national or subnational reference laboratory or officially accredited laboratory for COVID-19 confirmatory testing; and
- 3) Probable case for whom testing could not be performed for any reason.

c. **Confirmed case** – any individual, irrespective of presence or absence of clinical signs and symptoms, who was laboratory-confirmed for COVID-19 in a test conducted at the national reference laboratory, a subnational reference laboratory, and/or officially accredited laboratory testing facility.


3. The 14-day quarantine period commences on (1) date of possible exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual, (2) date of arrival from countries issued travel ban due to confirmed cases of local transmission of COVID-19 (including those with travel history in said countries), or (3) date of arrival from regions or places in the Philippines with confirmed cases of transmission of COVID-19, and NOT on the date of reporting or consultation. Review of reported BJMP data on PUM/PUI as of this date shows that a number of personnel and PDL should have been cleared on March 25, 2020.

4. In this regard, all BJMP Medical Officers are authorized/deputized to issue Certification on Completion of Quarantine to personnel and PDL. The barangay or rural Health Unit/City Health Office certification may be honored/considered, subject to reassessment and confirmation of the Regional Health Service Division (RHSD) or the DHS, as the case may be.

5. Report on names of personnel and PDL under self-quarantine and completion of the same must be reported to the DHS or the BJMP National COVID-19 Task Force.

6. For appropriate action.

**BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF, BJMP:**

  
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Director for Operations  
Co-Chairperson, BJMP National  
COVID-19 Task Force

<sup>1</sup>**Contact** as defined by the WHO Global Surveillance for COVID-19 disease interim guidance (as of March 20, 2020) is a person who experienced any one of the following exposures during the 2 days before and the 14 days after the onset of symptoms of a probable or confirmed case:

1. Face-to-face contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes;
2. Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;
3. Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper PPE; OR
4. Other situations as indicated by local risk assessments.

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